



*Flex your power!
Be energy efficient!*

July 10, 2006

Gene K. Fong
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) 2004/05 - 2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
14	State Element
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This amendment deletes a transportation enhancement (TE) project on Olive Drive in Bakersfield (CTIPS ID 204-0000-0400). A new TE project on Seventh Standard Road in Bakersfield is added. The new project programs \$640,000 of federal TE funds and \$143,000 of local funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005/06 which is the same amount and FY as is being deleted from the Olive Drive project.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approve this FTIP Amendment No. 14 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for projects determined to be exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination and/or regional emissions analysis be performed per 40 CFR 93.126, Table 2. As a result, no further conformity determination is required. In addition, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

"Caltrans improves mobility across California"

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. KCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Lisa Hanf - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Katrina O'Connor, EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- G Ronald E. Brummett - Kern Council of Governments
- Raquel Carabajal - Kern Council of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- ~~Penny Gray~~ - Caltrans